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Applicants : Mark J. Batchelor, et al.
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New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth in Appendix 1.

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